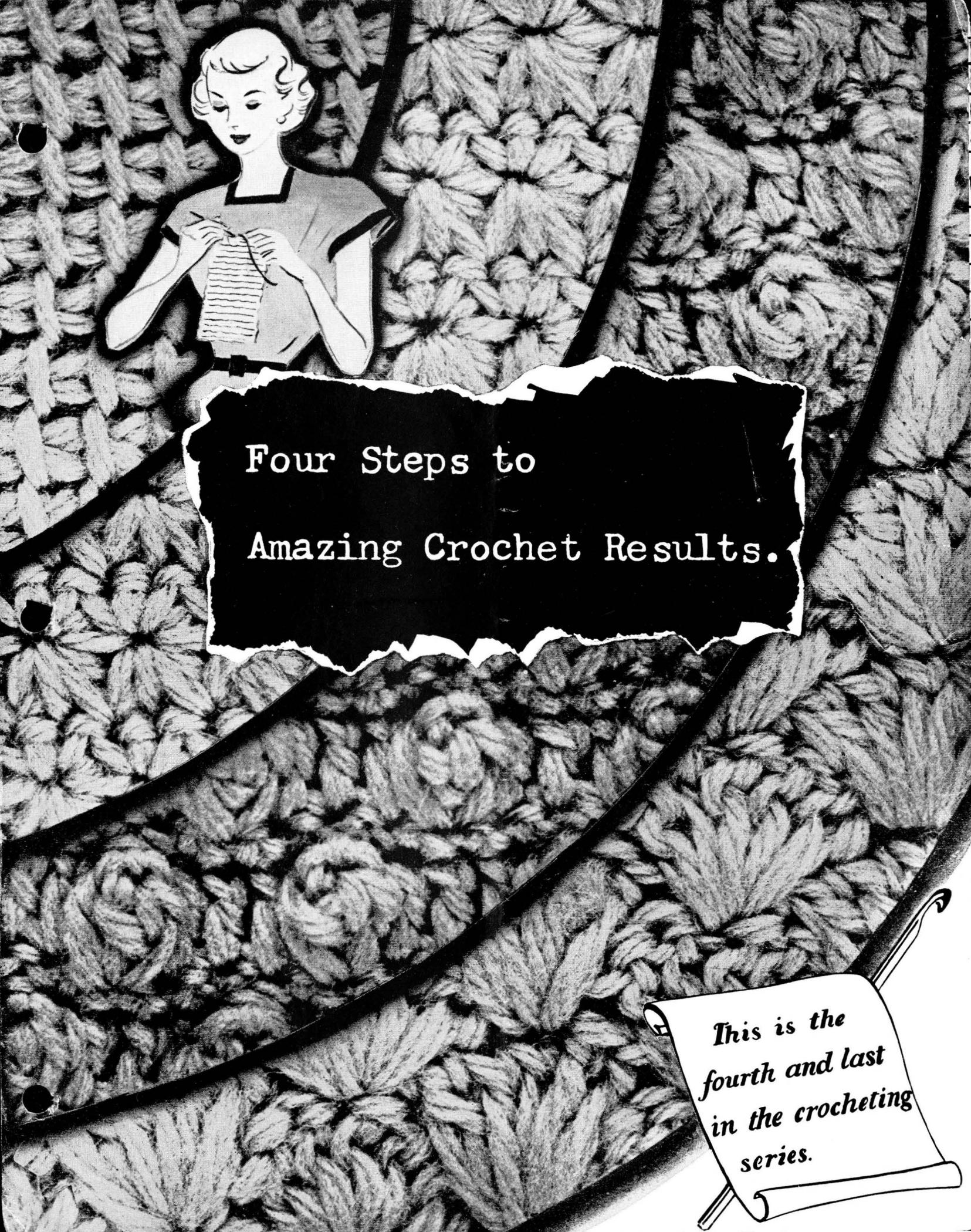

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Popular Stitches

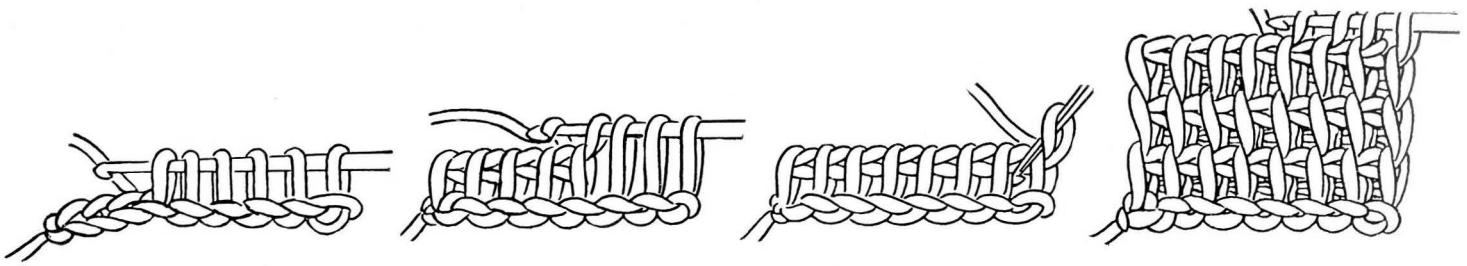
Crocheting is based on the fundamental stitches you have learned. Using the combination of these stitches in various ways, you can produce many interesting effects by applying them to your work.

The most popular are the afghan, star, popcorn, and shell stitches.

Let us learn these stitches on a short foundation chain and at the same time learn to turn, keeping ends even (this is very important).

MATERIAL:

Average 20 skeins "Botany" Germantown Knitting Worsted 72 x 54.
Susan Bates Silverlume Afghan Hook *6 or *6 Plastic Hook.

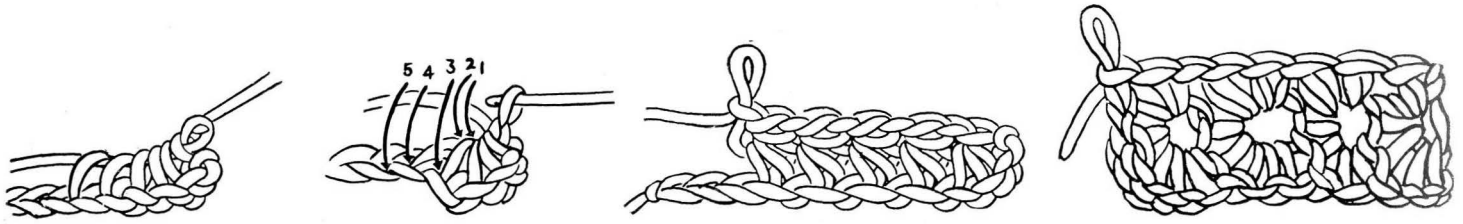


PLAIN AFGHAN STITCH. No. 5 afghan book

Make a ch. the desired length.

Row 1: Draw up a loop in each st. of chain, leaving all sts. on hook, now take sts. off as follows: *yarn over hook, draw, draw through 2 loops, repeat from * across row.

Row 2: Same as Row 1, picking up the vertical yarn instead of ch. and work back the same way.
Suggestion: Use contrasting colors for stripes, and finish with 2 rows of s.c. around entire afghan (3 s.c. in each corner as turn).



STAR STITCH

Make a ch. desired length.

Row 1: Draw up a loop in each of the next 5 sts. on ch., yarn over, draw through the 6 loops on hook, ch. 1, * draw a loop through the eye formed by the ch. just made, draw up a loop in back of last loop of star just made, draw up a loop in the same st. where the last loop of previous star was made, draw up a loop in each of next 2 ch. sts., yarn over hook and draw through the 6 loops, ch 1. Repeat to end of row; ch. 1 turn.

Row 2: 1 s.c. in the eye* 2 s.c. in each eye across row* end 1 s.c. in last st. (ch. on previous row) ch. 2 turn.

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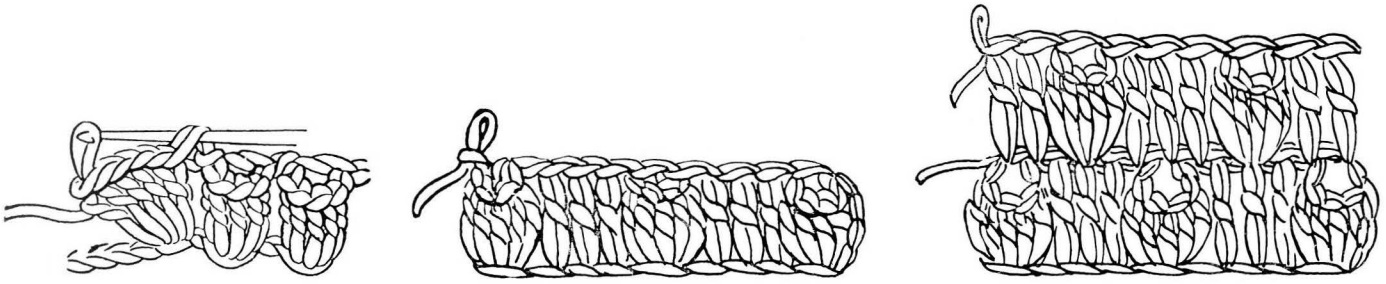
Row 3: Draw up a loop in the first ch. from hook; draw up a loop in front of next ch., draw up a loop in back of the same ch., draw up a loop in each of next 2 s.c. over star on row below. Ch. 1 — forming eye. *Draw up a loop in the eye, one in back of the last loop — one in the last st. of previous star and one in each of next 2 sts. — yarn over hood and draw through 6 loops — ch. 1 — *repeat across row — being sure to have stars above each other. Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for pattern.

Suggestion: Use two colors — one in making the complete star, 2 rows of pattern, then change color.



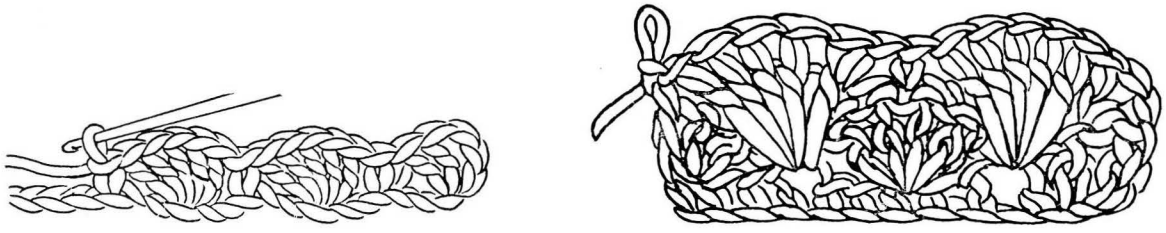
POPCORN STITCH

Ch. desired length, work 1 row s.c., ch. 2 turn.

Row 1: 1 d.c. in each of next 2 sts. *5 d.c. in next st., remove hook from needle and insert in 5th st. from hook, draw loop through, (a popcorn is made) 1 d.c. in each of next 3 sts.* Repeat across, ch. 2 turn.

Row 2: *5 d.c. in next st. (make a popcorn). 1 d.c. in each of next 3 sts.* Repeat across end 5 d.c. P.C., 1 d.c. in last st. Ch. 2 turn. Repeat rows 1 and 2 for pattern.

Suggestion: Make popcorns in contrasting colors, carrying the thread and crocheting over it until you come to the next popcorn, then draw up a loop of the contrasting color.



SHELL STITCH

Chain 1 inch more than desired length, work 1 row s.c. across ch., measure and cut remaining ch., ch. 2 turns.

Row 1: 2 d.c. in same st. as ch. 2, *skip 2 s.c., 5 d.c. in next st., skip 2, 1 s.c. in next st. *repeat across, end skip 2, 3 d.c. in last st., ch. 1 turn.

Row 2: *Yarn over hook and insert needle below the s.c. of previous row — work 5 d.c. in this st., work 1 s.c. in center of next fan* repeat across, end 1 s.c. in top of ch. 2 of previous row, ch. 2 turn. Repeat these 2 rows for pattern.

Suggestion: Work 2 rows of each color.

NOW START YOUR AFGHAN

The desired length and width of an afghan is optional. Large 72 x 54 in., small 44 x 54 in. You can make size to suit your taste, longer or shorter, and as wide as you wish. After making a sample, and you have gauged your work, as to inches, decide how wide you would like your afghan.

Example: 5 pieces 8 inches wide will give you 40 inches in width.

For length you keep working until you have length desired.

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